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1. BOLIVIAN FOREIGN MINISTER XGUZMAN TOLD ME SEPTEMBER 12 HE WILL DISCUSS BOLIVIAN POLICY TOWARD CUBAN SANCTIONS WITH PRESIDENT BANZER ON SEPT 13. HE ALSO SAID SUBJECT WOULD BE DISCUSSED BEFORE FULL MEETING CABINET MORNING SEPT 13. GUZMAN PROMISED PROVIDE ME PROMPTLY AFTER CABINET MEETING INFORMATION ON BOLIVIAN POLICY.

2. FOREIGN MINISTER EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR US INTEREST IN CONSULTING WITH GOB ABOUT CUBA AND STATED THAT SITUATION HERE SIMILAR TO THAT IN WASHINGTON IN THAT THEY ARE STUDYING THE PROPOSAL MADE BY COLOMBIA, COSTA RICA, AND VENEZUELA. HE NOTED THAT US AND BOLIVIA NOW FOUND THEMSELVES IN VERY SMALL GROUP OF COUNTRIES IN FAVOR OF UPHOLDING THE OAS SANCTIONS. HE TOLD ME THAT URUGUAY FOREIGN MINISTER BLANCO WAS QUITE ADAMANT IN HIS POSITION THAT URUGUAY WOULD FIGHT CHANGE UP TO THE
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LAST. GUZMAN BELIEVES THAT BRAZIL WILL BEND WITH THE MAJORITY

AND THAT CHILE DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE STRONG IN ITS POSITION
IN FAVOR OF SANCTIONS. THUS HE NOTED BOLIVIA PROBABLY SHOULD
ADOPT A DEGREE OF FLEXIBILITY, POSSIBLY GOING ALONG WITH
LIFTING OF SANCTIONS CONDITIONED ON CERTIFICATION
THAT CUBAN PERFORMANCE HAS BEEN APPROPRIATE AND POSSIBLY
CONDITIONED ON FORM OF CUBAN COMMITMENT TO CONTINUE RESTRAINTS.
THESE, HE SAID, ARE HIS PERSONAL VIEWS AND HE WILL CONVEY THE
OFFICIAL GOB POSITION ASAP.
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